

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 10, 2015

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President H. Dan Adams presiding. The following business was conducted.

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audio recordings of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

President Adams: The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville is hereby called to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Present: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) members present and zero (0) members absent; nine members representing a quorum, I hereby declare the session of the Common Council officially opened.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This evening the pledge of allegiance will be led by Ms. Windhorst.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Council Attorney this evening is the effervescent Scott Danks.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant at Arms is Officer Kirby, once again.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27th meeting of the Common Council as written?

Councilman Friend: So moved.

Councilwoman Mosby: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So be it.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

IN YOUR AUGUST 6th PACKET:

- * City Council Meeting Agenda and Committee Meeting Schedule for August 10, 2015
- * Ordinances G-2015-22 and F-2015-12
- * June 2015 Financial Report
- * Evansville Redevelopment Commission Annual August 1st TIF Report
- * Area Plan Commission Report and Meeting Minutes dated July 9, 2015
- * 2015 Tax Phase-In Compliance Summary of Findings of Second Group from Growth Alliance
- * Central Dispatch Radio Project Upgrade Information

City Clerk Windhorst: *I just want to note that is for the joint Budget Hearings.*

EMAILED MATERIAL:

- * City Council Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2015
- * Tax Phase-In Letters from Growth Alliance

ON YOUR DESK THIS EVENING:

- * Extended Agenda
- * DMD Report on Blight, Vacancy, and Abandonment in Evansville, Indiana
- * Documentation concerning ERC Member's Actions
- * Comparison of Fiscal Year Balances

President Adams: Is there a motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting?

Councilman Friend: So moved.

Councilwoman Mosby: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So be it.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2015-22

A.S.D.

FRIEND

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.160 (Information Technology) of the Evansville Municipal Code

ORDINANCE F-2015-12

FINANCE

O'DANIEL

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Authorizing Appropriations of Funds within Various Departments (DMD)

R-1 to C-4 w/ UDC

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana,
More Commonly Known 4610 Covert Avenue

Petitioner: Pinewood Development, Inc.

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval with a Use & Development Commitment from the Area Plan Commission, having 11 affirmative votes and 1 abstention.

R-1 & R-3 to R-3

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, More Commonly Known 6635 Old Boonville Highway

Petitioner: Hestia Development, LLC

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 12 affirmative votes.

President Adams: Is there a motion to accept the amendment for Ordinance R-2015-9 Amended?

Councilman Lindsey: So moved.

Councilman Weaver: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So...

Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Second Reading of Zoning Ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report?

Councilman Lindsey: So Moved.

Councilwoman Mosby: Second.

President Adams: I have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So be it.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

R-2 to C-4 w/ UDC

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana,
More Commonly Known as 65 - 67 and 69 Adams Avenue

Petitioner: Evansville Brownfields Corporation

DMD Executive Director Coures: Good evening. I appreciate you adopting the resolute...the ordinance and adopting the Use & Development Commitment that was approved by a committee of Goosetown, Culver Neighborhood, Blackford's Grove Neighborhood, and the Haynie's Corner Art District Merchants Group who joined together to prepare that Use & Development Commitment that Dan Adams threatened bodily harm to me if it wasn't attached to this rezoning. So you see it; it is there.

We have several people here that are more than happy to speak about the process and about their desire to see these parcels rezoned for some additional commercial development in the Haynie's Corner area. When the Dapper Pig and Walton's opens, those will be the last of the commercial spaces in and around the Haynie's Corner that's available so we're anticipating...we get calls all the time for people wanting to open businesses, inquiring about commercial property available in the area so we think this will be a good addition to that section of Adams Avenue there next to Haynie's Corner.

So we have, like I said, we have several stakeholders in the community, in the neighborhood, with us this evening that I would certainly open it up to the floor for them to come up and speak if you so desire.

President Adams: Any comments from City Council?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Yeah, I have a question. I...you...there's a bunch of lots for sale.

DMD Executive Director Coures: They're residential. They're for residential construction.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well, but they're residential. They live there in that area where they could be both, right; residential and a business?

DMD Executive Director Coures: The Art District overlay, what this will do is those lots in between...there's a house and what we like to call the green barn right there. They will be specific for commercial development. We want, Brownfield and the neighborhood, wants residential construction on those other lots.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: What...um...

DMD Executive Director Coures: The neighborhood wants these...this rezoning.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Can I ask some questions?

DMD Executive Director Coures: Yeah, sure.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Okay. What was the...why were they are you or whoever unwilling to place some limitations about, you know, how truck...truck routes or hours of operation.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well, truck routes are established by City ordinance.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Yeah, but that's not what happens down there. They turn on Monroe and they cut down the brick of First Street. I mean I watched some trucks doing delivery. I mean you create commercial down there and I certainly encourage, I mean I like the area. It's very, you know, not trying to be negative so much as...

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well they follow the City ordinance.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: They...I watch trucks driving on First Street and Second Street. But when you mix commercial and such a established, or any residential area, I mean my concern is like the maximum height of 30 feet for signage. That seems pretty high or pretty big potentially or not restricting hours of operation and we all know what we've gone through with the Bokeh, which is a great little place, but it's had its growing pains as residents across the street and in that area had to adjust to music and...

DMD Executive Director Coures: It was a \$350,000 investment, commercial investment, in the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: I understand that but there are many people that pre-date the desire to create a mixed neighborhood and so isn't it possible that we could consider hours of operation, when trash is picked up, whether their parking lot has a sign?

DMD Executive Director Coures: The stakeholders that we gathered together to represent the area came up with this Use & Development Commitment with the things that they want to see there and they represent the neighborhood associations surrounding this area.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Yeah, but the majority of residents don't participate in or belong to a neighborhood association. I mean those are wonderful organizations but they capture a very small percentage of the population and also people tend to consider what they're offered, not necessarily a counter argument.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well we didn't offer the stakeholders anything. They came up with the Use & Development Commitment on their own.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Yeah, I know and I...

DMD Executive Director Coures: Those that are representatives of the neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And I attended a neighborhood association meeting where there was an agreement made in front of a room full of people that the people who were not satisfied as members of Culver would be brought in for another meeting and that meeting never occurred.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well the president of Culver Neighborhood is here; Dave Ballew is here. Would you like to ask him about it?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Yeah, I'm happy to.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Okay.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Dave is the person...I heard you and Dave say that the people who wanted some more restrictions on operations, and that sort of thing, would at least be heard and it didn't happen.

DMD Brownfields Coordinator Rusk: Can I make one comment regarding your question please? One of the reasons that they chose not to put in things like hours of operation or anything about trucks or lighting is because they have no idea, at this point, what kind of business might go in there.

For example, if you said no 24-hour businesses then a bed and breakfast could not go in there so...and the whole thing with the truck traffic is a moot point. So we just want to be able to market it so until we know what kind business would be going in there...first of all, it has to go through the Brownfields Board; they would have to sell it. The next is the Haynie's Corner Design Review, there's Area Plan Commission Review so there are several layers of review once it is potentially...we have a potential business to go in there so it was a little presumptuous and that's why. I'll let Dave...

DMD Executive Director Coures: So the president of Culver Neighborhood can speak to your concerns, Steph.

Culver Neighborhood Association President Ballew: Yeah, Dave Ballew, president Culver Neighborhood Association.

We actually did meet at a Focus Council last Thursday and this topic was brought up at that point in time so I had collectively talked to some neighbors. You know...as you know, after the meeting and we were talking about that too.

I had spoken to some neighbors between the meeting last Thursday and our previous Culver Neighborhood meeting so...and you know, just trying to come up with a general agreement so...you know, first of all, Cul...it's...doesn't really affect Culver directly.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: It's across the street.

Culver Neighborhood Association President Ballew: Exactly, but...and I appreciate the outreach you know that...you know Kelley and Carolyn even extended to us to include us in that so it wasn't necessary but I do appreciate it so...

So you know, we definitely do want to keep...make sure that our neighbors, you know, concerns are, you know, expressed and exceeded.

DMD Executive Director Coures: We feel the neighborhood association is a good place to work on issues that affect those neighborhoods because the neighborhood association folks do talk to the people who live there, do talk...I mean, you know, some people don't have the same regard for neighborhood associations that maybe I do but I think they're an excellent place to start when you work with neighborhoods. I think they're a good place to start.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well if you're implying I don't have a regard for the neighborhood association...

DMD Executive Director Coures: Not at all.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:...you're off base.

DMD Executive Director Coures: No, not at all. I'm just saying some people may not.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: But they do (*Inaudible*)...there's no getting around statistically that they don't represent the majority of people and so it's just important in what I fear is that you...once it's rezoned with a use and development you have limited remedy to stop a...I mean you...

DMD Executive Director Coures: And in this overlay...of course like Carolyn alluded, there are several layers of review after that because it (*Inaudible*)...

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: How could you deny a buyer? As long as they comply, they've got the money; they comply with the zoning in the Use & Development. I mean are you, at that point, going to evaluate whether you like the business? I mean isn't that your opportunity here in the use and development?

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well it's not City owned property.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: No, it's not.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Its Brownfield Corporation owned property, which is a private corporation.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Which was in...funded and created by City tax dollars.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Absolutely, but it's still a private corporation; it still owns the property.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And so you think you could just simply refuse a buyer?

DMD Executive Director Coures: I don't know that we would want to refuse a buyer but we feel that this Use & Development Commitment satisfies the needs of the neighborhood, which actually is Goosetown and the president of Goosetown Neighborhood is here to talk to you.

President Adams: How difficult would it be, at a later date, to tweak this in terms of...?

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well, we'd have to *(Inaudible)*.

President Adams:...hours of...hours of delivery.

Speaking Simultaneously

DMD Executive Director Coures: We would work with...the Brownfield Corporation would work with whoever wanted to move into that neighborhood.

President Adams: No, but I mean say somebody said they're bring supplies in at 10:00 at night. How difficult would it be to tweak the existing Use & Development and make it...?

Speaking Simultaneously

DMD Executive Director Coures: We'd have to *(Inaudible)* start over

President Adams:...make it so that the...

DMD Executive Director Coures: You basically start over.

President Adams: So the neighbors would be made whole.

DMD Brownfields Coordinator Rusk: We can do that in a development agreement, which we do all the time when we sell properties; any kind of stipulations, once we know what kind of business.

President Adams: Okay, thank you.

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: Good evening members of Council. My name is Leonard Collins and I'm the president of Goosetown Neighborhood Association and I'm located at 316 Madison Avenue.

And to address her about her concerns about the meetings, on June the 11th we went before the Area Plan Commission and Dr. Adams was present and some of the remonstrators was offered two visits. We've met twice since then and they failed to appear. We met in July and we met in June and offered her an opportunity to come and to, you know, to address where the property is actually located and she failed to come so I don't know if we can mention that. I'm pretty sure you know who we're talking about.

So anyway, I'm here to recommend that you do the right thing and approve this. I'm ready for questions too.

Like I said, the neighborhood association was open and anyone is invited to attend regardless of where they live, even though Culver's about 350 feet away from this property and we did invite her to come and address us and you was a witness there too when we did that. And for some reason she wouldn't show up. To me she's disregarding Goosetown's sovereignty.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Sovereignty?

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: Sovereignty.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Like a fiefdom?

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: Like...say again.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: I mean like a sovereign state.

Speaking Simultaneously

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: Like we have boundaries. Well I'm talking...I'm talking boundaries then, is that better?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well you're in...you're in a sweet spot of you're right across the street from Culver. And look, I'm not...

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: Okay, but what I'm saying is we have boundaries and Goosetown is in...that property is in Goosetown.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Okay.

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: And we invited the people that were concerned about this rezoning to come to our meetings and give us the respect, you know, to address it.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well I don't think it's about...look, I don't mean disrespect to ask you whether you understand.

Speaking Simultaneously

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: Well what I'm saying is I wouldn't be going way over in CHAIN somewhere talking about some property and not visit it, you know, and not address it at CHAIN. And she, for some reason, failed to come to Goosetown and to address the situation.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well, I mean I was at the Culver meeting where it came up. Alls I'm asking is, and I think Dr. Adams had a great question of whether you have the ability to anticipate what might locate there and then once it's there maybe they don't pick up their trash regularly. Maybe they run a certain type of lighting that is abrasive to neighbors. Maybe they're doing deliveries late at night. Those are the things that aren't addressed in the use and development and I think Carolyn tried to answer those...those questions.

Speaking Simultaneously

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* It's a development agreement. You start...you start with the development agreement.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Which is why the questions were raised. It's not at all to say that you've somehow gone through a faulty process; it's just what happens because there is no project in mind and there is no buyer. I think most of us want to make sure that there's a way to deal with potential problems down the road over something maybe that hasn't been anticipated in a type of business or in how the owner runs that business.

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* You put that in your development agreement. You start at the beginning. You start a whole...

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: I have a...I have another question. When you were at that meeting you said you was representing the Fourth Ward. Now today, who are you representing?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: I went to the meeting for Connie because of the issue that came up but I represent the entire City.

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: That's what I thought but when I heard you say that I was kind of confused.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well that's Connie's ward and she couldn't make it that night so I went to hear for her and report back on the issue. I mean there's not a problem with you...

Goosetown Neighborhood Association President Collins: But some of your statements resemble what somebody else was saying, you know, almost you're a clone of somebody else.

Councilwoman Robinson: Okay, come on let's stop this. I'm a member of Brownfields and what Carolyn is saying, and basically, that's what we do, is that when we sell a piece of property if we have some restrictions in the development agreement we sit around the table and we write that into the development agreement so I know we all have some concerns about...and I think everybody keeps saying "she". Cheryl Musgrave called me about the dumpster and she'd like to see a fence around the dumpster. Ah, you know that's something that when we...if we do find a buyer for it, that's something that we'll talk about.

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible).*

Councilwoman Robinson: But I think that...I think my colleagues can feel comfortable that, I mean I just have one vote on Brownfields, but I will take into consideration everything that you want. And I mean I had some concerns about it but, I mean, I represent that area and I want to thank her for going there for me; I was out of town on business. But, you know, the majority of the neighborhood associations do support this. I received a letter today from Blackford's Grove and they're in support of it. And then of course Goosetown and Culver is in support of it.

DMD Executive Director Coures: And Connie voted for it on the Brownfields Board.

Councilwoman Robinson: And I voted for it.

DMD Executive Director Coures: She voted to adopt this Use & Development Commitment.

Councilwoman Robinson: Yes I did.

DMD Executive Director Coures: And we appreciate that.

President Adams: Are there any other comments *(Inaudible)*?

Councilman O'Daniel: Yeah, I just...it's really more of a question. I'm glad there's use and development in this now.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Uh-hm.

Councilman O'Daniel: But I guess I wonder why it was not in the Area Plan.

DMD Executive Director Coures: We didn't have it finished at that moment; that's why this was tabled.

President Adams: Then also I told him he had to have it.

Councilman O'Daniel: Well and that...I think that's my point though is...

DMD Executive Director Coures: We were working on it. We simply hadn't had the...
Speaking Simultaneously

Councilwoman Robinson: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible) (Mic On)* When we left our last meeting we decided that we were going to work on it and Carolyn sent a draft around to everyone for their suggestions and made some changes so it just wasn't ready in time.

DMD Executive Director Coures: It just wasn't finished.

Councilwoman Robinson: It wasn't finished but we left the meeting with that intent.

DMD Executive Director Coures: There's no secret.

Councilman O'Daniel: Okay, and that's fine. I just...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Inaudible)* no secret.

Councilman O'Daniel: Nothing...nothing needs to be done tomorrow, usually, in government and so I...I mean this is a process thing.

DMD Executive Director Coures: That's why it was tabled is because it wasn't finished so now it's...now it's ready because it...

Councilman O'Daniel: But there was a vote taken at Area Plan though and it was 6 - 6 and an abstention so there was no action taken. My point is is that when we get things to Area Plan we ought to have all our ducks in a row so we have a real recommendation that comes to us so that we can evaluate it. And look, it's done after the fact but I'd like to see it done before the fact so that everybody understands what it is, even the neighborhood associations understands what the limitations for that future use.

DMD Executive Director Coures: And they are all in favor of this UDC.

Councilman O'Daniel: Well...

President Adams: I was at the meeting of the Area Plan and the sticking point was the fact that there wasn't a Use & Development and rather than make him go back through, we put a lot of pressure on him to come up with a Use & Development, which he did, and we are trying very, very hard from now on to have people...have a whole...every...have everything all set for Area Plan so that when see that there are 6 people not...it's not because the process is not complete.

Any other questions from City Council? Any comments from the crowd.

Okay, do I hear a motion for adoption of Ordinance...

Councilman Weaver: So moved.

President Adams: R-2015-9 as Amended.

Councilman Weaver: So moved.

Councilwoman Robinson: Second.

President Adams: I have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

Comment made prior to casting his respective vote.

Councilman McGinn: Yeah, I agree with what Mr. Coures and Councilwoman Robinson said. Any issue about a particular item on the property, once the use is determined, can be handled by a covenant or a contract between the private corporation, Brownfields, and the purchaser so I vote aye.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Ordinance R-2015-9 Amended is hereby declared adopted.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana,
More Commonly Known 1951 Washington Avenue

Petitioner: D & J Washington Avenue, LLC

Brad Mills: Good evening. My name is Brad Mills. I'm with Capstone Engineering, here representing Winetree East and Bob Jarrett and we're here to request an up-zoning from C-1 to C-2. The property is required to do that because of the ordinance change in 1989 that required a liquor store to have the C-2 zoning. It's been a liquor store since the early '70s and before that, I was told, it was a Shell gas station and we're basically just wanting to keep using the property as it is today as a liquor store and we're going to put almost an 1800 square foot addition on the end of it.

Happy to answer any questions.

President Adams: Any comments, please. Yes.

Councilwoman Mosby: I've not...I've gone to a couple neighborhood associations in that area; I've not heard any remonstrators on this. I've been over at your location. You're doing some great updates and upgrades over there so thank you for all you're doing.

Brad Mills: *(Off Mic)* Thank you.

President Adams: Any other comments? Any comments from our crowd tonight?

Councilman O'Daniel: Just...you're basically grandfathered in but you want to do the addition so you have to get the...

Brad Mills: Correct.

Councilman O'Daniel:...conformity, yeah.

President Adams: Okay, any other comments? Alright, is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2015-14.

Councilman Friend: So moved.

Councilman Weaver: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Ordinance R-2015-14 is hereby declared adopted.

Brad Mills: Thank you.

President Adams: Good to see you.

Brad Mills: Thank you.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2015-16

APC

R-1 to C-4 w/ UDC

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, More Commonly Known 3400 N. Green River Road

Petitioner: Evansville Day School, Inc.

Danny Leek: Thank you. My name is Danny Leek with Morley and Associates and I'm here representing Evansville Day School. I have Mr. Jarin Jaffee with me, who is the head of the school. The purpose of this rezoning request is to be able to update and existing sign and add a digital message board to it. That's a sign that's been in existence for a number of years so we're just trying to do a little bit of an upgrade to it.

President Adams: Any comments or questions from City Council? Any comments from our crowd tonight? Hearing none, is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2015-16?

Councilman Weaver: So moved.

Councilman O'Daniel: Second.

President Adams: I have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Ordinance R-2015-16 is hereby declared adopted.

Danny Leek: Thank you very much.

President Adams: Good luck.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2015-17

APC

R-1 to C-4 w/ UDC

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana,
More Commonly Known 4610 Covert Avenue

Petitioner: Pinewood Development, Inc.

Ashley Hall: Good evening; Ashley Hall. I'm here on behalf of Pinewood Development and this has come forth with a unanimous adoption from the Area Plan Commission. Is that better *(Inaudible)*? Mr. Adams, is that better volume? Can you hear me now?

President Adams: Nuh...getting better.

Ashley Hall: Okay, how about now?

President Adams: That's great.

Ashley Hall: Okay. We've discussed the plans with all the neighbors. Our client owns the property both to the west and the north. It's all C-4 in that general area; just going to be consistent. Our client wants to expand. It's going to be a current tenant who's already there so no increased traffic and the building that they'll build on there is going to be consistent with what is already on their adjacent property.

I have Mike Bergdahl with me; he's an officer with Pinewood. If anyone has any questions we'd be happy to answer them.

President Adams: What are you going to do with this property now?

Ashley Hall: It's going to be used by one of the tenants that's currently there as additional storage for some fitness equipment.

President Adams: Okay, any comments from City Council?

Councilman McGinn: I haven't heard a word from anyone. In fact, most people think it's probably...they think that that area is already C-4; everything else is.

President Adams: Okay, great. Any comments from our crowd tonight? Okay, is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2015-17?

Councilman Weaver: So moved.

Councilman McGinn: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. Roll call, please.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Ordinance R-2015-17 is hereby declared adopted.

Ashley Hall: Thank you. Have a good evening.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2015-18

APC

R-1 & R-3 to R-3

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, More Commonly Known 6635 Old Boonville Highway

Petitioner: Hestia Development, LLC

Scott Beadle: Scott Beadle with Cash Waggoner and Associates here with Brian Murphy with Hestia Development. We are asking for 13 acres to be rezoned to R-3 for a condominium development. There is an apartment complex to the east of us, Crossroads Trinity Church to the west of us, currently under construction. We feel like we're going to be a good mix between the higher density apartments to the east and the church that's being constructed to the west of us. We'd ask for your approval.

President Adams: So you're between I-69 and...

Scott Beadle: Burkhardt.

President Adams: Burkhardt, right.

Scott Beadle: Correct.

President Adams: Okay.

Scott Beadle: Yeah, east of Burkhardt; west of 69.

President Adams: Right. Any queries or questions from City Council? Any comments from our crowd tonight? Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2015-18?

Councilman Lindsey: So moved.

Councilman McGinn: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Ordinance R-2015-18 is hereby declared adopted.

Scott Beadle: Thank you.

President Adams: You're welcome.

Councilwoman Robinson: So Brian, you're no longer interested in the Haynie's Corner area?

Brian Murphy: I have a lot of interests, ma'am.

Councilwoman Robinson: Okay.

President Adams: Thanks Brian.

Brian Murphy: Thank you.

President Adams: Good to see you.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2015-20

PUBLIC WORKS

LINDSEY

An Ordinance to Amend the Fluoridation Standards for the City Water Supply in the City of Evansville, Indiana

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN LINDSEY

Chairman Lindsey: Mister President, your Public Works Committee met this evening to hear ***Ordinance G-2015-20*** and it comes forward with a do-pass.

President Adams: Okay and we've tabled the other one for...

Councilman O'Daniel: *(Off Mic)* The other *(Ordinance F-2015-11)* had been tabled *(Inaudible)*.

President Adams:...for a month from now. Okay.

Is there a motion to adopt the Committee Reports and move the Ordinance on for Third Reading?

Councilman Friend: So moved.

Councilman Lindsey: Second.

President Adams: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So be it.

REGULAR AGENDA
THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2015-20 **PUBLIC WORKS** **LINDSEY**

An Ordinance to Amend the Fluoridation Standards for the City Water Supply in the City of Evansville, Indiana

President Adams: Any comments.

Councilman O'Daniel: None. Move to adopt.

President Adams: Insights? I'll be honest with you; I'm just amazed at how publically people have accepted this wonderful public health thing. It was incredibly contentious when it first came. *(Inaudible)*

Councilman McGinn: They're not as old as we are; they don't remember that.

President Adams: Well I...I tell you what...

Councilman McGinn: It was a communist plot back in the 50s. It was incredible.

President Adams: Yeah, I mean there was cancer scares and everything. It was really...but I'll tell you what, I stopped having cavities as soon as they started.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: You know there are cities, because I...Allen Mounts and I had this conversation a few months ago when Dallas moved to stop, completely, fluoridating the water. It brought up the issue of where are we at in that process and

so...I mean they...I mean we are cycling down potentially to zero at some point and it's really been an interesting process to see.

President Adams: But I would wonder if those people who necessarily can't afford fluoride toothpaste and don't necessarily think hard on that. My dad grew up in Ogden, Utah before the First World War and it was naturally in the water. It's a wonderful thing actually, I think.

Okay, any comments.

Speaking Simultaneously

Councilman O'Daniel: I'll move to adopt. Move to adopt, okay?

President Adams: Thank you. Motion to...is there a motion to adopt, thank you, Ordinance G-2015-20?

Councilman Friend: Second.

President Adams: Great.

Comment made prior to casting his vote:

Councilman Friend: I'm sure the dentists won't like this but I vote aye.

ROLL CALL:

Aye: McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Robinson, Friend, Lindsey, O'Daniel, Weaver, Adams

President Adams: There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Ordinance G-2015-20 is hereby declared adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Common Council will be Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Committee meetings will begin at 5:20 p.m.

Andrea Lendy, Business Services Coordinator, Growth Alliance:

Tax Phase-In Compliance Report for Second Group

President Adams: Now, I think we're going to hear from Andrea Lendy who is going to give us a tax phase-in compliance report for second group. Thank you for joining us.

GAGE Business Services Coordinator Lendy: Hello, thanks for having me. For the record my name is Andrea Lendy and I'm the Business Services Coordinator at the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

In your packet you'll find a summary of my findings for the second and final group of companies for this year's tax phase-in compliance. The companies who have missed either of the compliance numbers by greater than 90% have been notified and have filed letters regarding their compliance for your review.

In your packets you'll find a summary spread sheet, the CF1s of the companies, and letters of explanation addressing the seven companies who are non-compliant. Memorial Townhouses and Sugar Steel's numbers will probably look the most concerning.

Memorial Townhouses real property investment is lower than originally estimated due to the majority of their investment being on property that was not in the original application for tax phase-in, therefore, this investment is not available to claim. However, their primary goal for their tax phase-in is to create residential opportunities for low/mod individuals and seniors, which they have successfully met.

Sugar Steel's personal property investment figures are estimated over a five-year period and the actual on the spreadsheet is just for this for this year. You will see in their letter of explanation that they met the estimated amount in the first two years and what I need tonight is your confirmation that all companies present are in substantial compliance based on the information in front of you.

Councilman O'Daniel: I think the only thing that...and obviously we've talked about this a little bit...is, and I appreciate...you know, I think there's some thought that somehow GAGE just glosses over this and doesn't take any action but I was surprised to learn that in fact that has been done on the County side where they've led an enforcement action on the clawback and so I guess I was heartened to know that it was just...just oversight and be done with it. But I'm happy to see these numbers and I think any questions that I've had have been answered satisfactorily by Chris and the GAGE staff so I appreciate that.

GAGE Business Services Coordinator Lendy: Okay, thank you.

President Adams: And maybe will set a little standard for next year.

Any questions please, from other Council? Any comments from our crowd tonight? Is there a motion to accept the Tax Phase-In Compliance Reports?

Councilman O'Daniel: So moved.

Councilman Lindsey: Second.

President Adams: There's been a second and a...okay, great, a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So be it.

GAGE Business Services Coordinator Lendy: Thank you for your time.

President Adams: Thank you.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And for the record, we're just accepting that.

President Adams: Say it again.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: We just accepted that into our record.

President Adams: Yeah.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Essentially. Okay, thank you.

Denise Johnson, Executive Director of Parks & Brian Holtz, Deputy Director of Parks: Final Parks Master Plan

President Adams: Ms. Johnson. Thank you for bringing this. I tried to print the...I tried to print your report and it wouldn't print so this is fine.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)...*really?

President Adams: It might be computer. It's new.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Adams: Thank you.

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz: Good evening. I apologize for that. Brian Holtz, Deputy Director for the Parks & Recreation Department.

I believe everyone received a copy of the email last week; I think last Thursday, with the Parks Master Plan attached to the email. Tonight I just want to kinda go over the highlights of that plan and to kinda discuss a little bit about what was in the plan and kinda the next steps.

So first of all, just to give you a little background about the process for developing the Parks Master Plan last May, in 2014, a steering committee was formed and began to meet. One of the things the steering committee wanted to do was to begin to define a

vision for the parks, as well as for this master plan, and also develop some potential project goals. So that was kind of the focus of the steering committee and from that, developed into the plan we have before us today.

Just a little history background, for those of you who like history, so the first Parks Master Plan was developed in 1926, in case you were wondering. Back then we had three parks that it looked at: Bayard Park, Akin Park, and Garvin Park, and of course those parks are a part of the National Historical Registry today. Today, currently we have 65 parks and we take care of over about 2500 acres of land.

You'll see on the next slide, and I've provided for you...Denise did as well, the slides that we're going to be looking at this evening. From the steering committee that met, we came up with a vision state...or a mission statement in which I have included on the screen and in front of you this evening, but "The City of Evansville is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life by providing beautiful greenspaces, healthy outdoor activities and engaging programs that enrich the health and wellness of all people".

Out of that initial meeting we developed five areas of Plan Goals and you can see those before you: Connectivity, Sustainability, Safety, Human & Social Health, and Diversity. And when we look at sustainability, we want to keep in mind that we're using that term just a little different. We think of sustainability we think a lot of times of going green or staying green and I think while that is all important, it's also being able to identify kind of current and future needs and how do we...how do we maintain that, how do we sustain that. So that's kind of what we're using in that word sustainability.

There were several ways that we sought public input. One was through a survey which was via web-based survey. There were 20, or excuse me, 1,323 people responded to the survey. Another area of public input was through the National Night Out and then also Alta, who designed the plan, was with us at a Traveling Town Hall Meeting.

I list before you the public input that we received in those three different forums and again, I don't...I want to highlight some of them while they're in front of you.

First of all, to increase awareness of existing parks and programs so what do we have, what do we have to offer?

Go down to #3: Connect recreation, residential, and commercial centers with active recreation facilities. So more ways to travel, connectivity, and travel safely, how to get there. So if we look, for instance, I'll look at some of the areas where we may be underserved as far as facilities or parks, but how do we get from being able to take our

bike if you live on the far eastside, put it in your car, and then get it to somewhere where you can ride it. So those again, making those areas of connectivity possible.

The next one under that: Improve the safety and maintenance of parks, facilities, such as lighting improvements, trash collection and general maintenance. Currently working with the crime-prevention officers in the CEPTED plan to increase security, also to continually address maintenance issues throughout the parks, make those improvements to lighting so that our parks are indeed safe and secure.

The next one: Improve the diversity of park facilities and offer programs to serve age-specific interests.

So what we've learned is: Know the location and know what people are asking for in those locations. So what I mean by that, we've identified several groups that we know need better service within our park system; the seniors and those with special needs, those requiring any type of AD...with ADA compliant issues.

So those are two areas, two groups that we know specifically that we want to target in the future.

And finally, another one on that page: Offer more fitness programs and encourage more activities through increased infrastructure. I'll show you in just a minute...in a few minutes the...kind of the list of what people were asking for.

The Demand Analysis: The Demand Analysis was done based on the GIS, a census tracking of the area, and in reality no...really no new growth in population. It seems to have shifted. We know that from statistics that we have, so the demographics, paying attention to what the demographics are telling us. Again, the department should incorporate offerings to serve a multitude or multiple ages. We're missing that senior piece as well as the ADA programs.

The next one down: Offer special needs oriented programs and improve ADA accessibility. In Fulton Park, Willard Library Park, Sixth Avenue Park, and Lamasco Park; those were some that the Alta had identified as possible areas that we could improve the ADA accessibility.

The next one: Areas near downtown, Mesker Zoo, Mesker Park, Diamond Valley Park and Deaconess Hospital have a high demand but we are...but are well-served by park facilities. Park facilities here mean playgrounds, means structures. What they're in need of in those area are programing, programing a high, large, if you will, population; a density there that is large, being able to provide a program or a service that that group of people are requesting.

And finally in the Demand Analysis: There is not enough supply to meet the high demand in the North Park, the southeast corner of the city, and along Oak Hill Road. Future park facilities should be considered in these areas to serve the high demand. You can see that better and probably in front of you than you can on the screen but the map shows three distinct areas and I look at Area #2, first of all, on the northside, so on the southern edge of the northside, we have Diamond Valley, Kleymeyer, Olmstead, and Sheritan Park, but as you get between there and the northern edge of the County, of the City, if you will, is Igleheart and you can see the red...red infrastructure there, the emphasis on the higher population to moderate density in that area as well as in the third area.

Again, you have Wesselman on the southern end and then Stockwell Park on the eastern end but as you move out towards Oak Hill Road north, there really is no park facility or any type of facility that we have to offer. And again, to some extent, you see that on the far eastside when you get out towards I-69, the far-east side. Price Park is our furthest most park in the system.

If you move forward to the next slide, again, shows kind of some areas of where we see our population, the over sixty five crowd, the under 18 crowd. If you look at the far south, the under 18 crowd, that's a Vann-Pollack Park area. You go out to the...on the other side 41, the over 65 area. It would be the Roberts Park, Wesselman Park area as well. These are areas where people...what we're learning is that this is the age group that is using that area, that's mostly defined by that area. You see the area in the near downtown with low car access. Being able to address those...those potential concerns, how do we meet the needs of the people in that area as well?

Department Observations: Just a few things I want to highlight here: That we continue to build the Greenway System was one identified observation. Again, provide programs suitable for seniors. I think it was in the paper yesterday or today about the pickle ball, that you don't have to be a senior to play pickle ball. I have not played but you don't have to be a senior, but that has taken off in this area and they're always looking for more court coverage, and area, and space. So again, just a thing that has taken off in the area and has provided a great resource for that age group.

Continue to add programs like Energize Evansville but to connect citizens with healthy activities and eating habits and I think we look at or think a programs but we also have other possible things we can offer, classes. It's not just about exercise, though that's vital. It's also about changing eating habits and nutrition. We all know the area of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and the need to overcome the obesity issues so these are all things that I think as the Parks Department we can begin to look at.

Lisa Wube works in our office. She's currently the Sports Director but she's also been working on programs and classes. Patio Nights was a new adventure at C.K. That was well received. Break-out sessions, which are being held on Saturday afternoons, again, population; as more people learn about those programs they're beginning to show up. They're age specific so there are activities geared towards those age groups that are there.

In the end, the five...there were five key analyses, five key areas we've developed: Parks Facilities, Greenway and Connectivity, Programs, Policies, and Management.

Park Facilities: First of all, when we look at the top five requests in each of these categories, they defined that, and that's in the plan, as Immediate Needs, which are zero to two years; Near Needs, which are between three and five years or they're ongoing. In some of those cases there are potential costs associated with each action step, and you can see that in the plan.

I want to start with the second one. It's a standardized maintenance practice... maintenance practices with a check list of each park, continue the implementation process of the national standards for safety, surfaces, playground equipment, and best practices. We have, and continue to work to inspect all of our playgrounds for their safety, for the structure. If there are any issues with that, and that's an ongoing maintenance issue that we address on a daily basis. Also we continue to look for ways to improve the national standards so that we can adopt more of those standards through policies and procedures within our department.

Also this year we were contacted by USI and they did a study for us as part of their therapy, occupational therapy program. They did an ADA study for us. They picked out five parks, they went to those five parks and addressed the needs within those parks. From that study, and hopefully they will do that for us every year, we have been able to address sidewalk curb cuts as well as sidewalk improvements at Wesselman, at Howell, and at Garvin. We've also been able to restripe parking lots and pave some areas that needed to be addressed at Howell and also at Wesselman, and then we continue, or in the process, of being able to look at improvements to some restrooms to make those accessible as well. Those would be at Howell, Garvin, and Wesselman as well. Those ideas, those projects were identified through that study that USI did for us so, again, a great partnership with the local community.

The implementation, and you can see this as well as in the plan, the implementation of Roberts Park and in that they list, as part of the action steps, what should be followed as considering the development of Roberts Park, that it should be ADA accessible, there should be safety for bicycles, the needs for special population in the area, that the park

should focus on multigenerational activities, that they should decide a playground for multi-ages, not just one size fits all.

And finally on the Critical Action Steps for Park Facilities, form a study committee to evaluate the department's golf courses, and I think this was a suggestion more from a cost/benefit analysis. Are there other uses for the golf course? Not saying, by any means, get rid of golf but in the slow season or down time can people walk the golf courses? Would that be something that people would be interested in? Slow times during the fall, during the spring, those might be options that we need to look at as well.

Greenway Connectivity: Dr. Adams said I had 20 minutes so I'm hurrying up. Connectivity and Greenway, especially all of those are important as we continue and develop and move forward on our Greenway, on the trail itself. I want to bring you attention to number...it would be number 4: Conduct a system-wide study to refine the planned Greenway system. I think when we see that we automatically think of about another plan or a study and I don't think that's at all what is meant by that or what we're thinking. There's no...in fact, there's no future plan right now to do another study of the Greenway. There's a connectivity study being done by MPO and that should be done at some point and I think that might be part of the Greenway connectivity as well.

Someone mentioned that the other day that the last thing we need is another study on the Greenway. We know it's important, we know it's valuable to the community, so let's find a way to get it done and so that's more about how do we link other areas between USI, Burdette, the Greenway; how do we move to the east, Angel Mounds, that area as well?

Programs: Touched on that again a little bit as we were moving forward but one of the things in the second bullet point I wanted to mention is that there is, and has been, an ongoing development of partnerships with on...programs that are already ongoing in the community. How do we...we have plenty of facilities, we have plenty of space. How do we bring those programs that are looking to expand...how do we bring those in our parks and in our facilities? If there's a need out there, we have plenty ways to help foster that so that's kind of one of the areas I think that we need to look at in bringing those relationships, growing those relationships and then, more importantly, bringing...being able to bring those programs to our community.

Finally, the **Management** piece of that: One of the areas that we looked as an updated of what they call PRORAGIS™ (*Parks and Recreation Operating Ratio and GIS*). PRORAGIS™ is a system, a software system where we can input our information and then compare it to other areas, other Parks & Recreation Departments throughout the United States. The good thing about that is our information is in there. One of the bad

things about that is not every city and department has their information available. Some have chosen to put only information where they might be wanting to compare other agencies with. So one of the things we struggle with right now until other cities begin to use that software is it's kind of hard to compare Evansville to somewhere out in California where it's sunny and, for the most part, warm all the time and they're golf courses are...it's not comparing apples to apples. So we continue to input our information and we'll continue to use that on a yearly basis but hopefully as other communities get on board they can use that as well.

Also, finally working with the Area Plan to update the GIS information so that's done yearly and as always, a concern or an issue is making sure that we can improve the website to be more accessible.

Quickly, just a park classification, which I think becomes important when we look at the areas of the parks we have and the need and the...what they might be serving. Many parks, or those parks which are 0 to 1 acre, they're used in high-density areas which you'd see on your map: Homestead, Line Street, Sixth Avenue are all mini-parks.

Neighborhood Parks are those parks 1 to 20 acres adjacent to residential areas so they're a little larger in size. That would be Akin, that would be a Bayard Park, Diamond Valley.

Community Parks; 50 to, excuse me, 20 to 50 acres, service to a large portion of the population: Price Park, Igleheart Park, and Garvin Park.

And finally, regional parks, those 50 to 100-plus acres. They serve maybe a multitude of...or multiple communities: Mesker Park, Howell, and Wesselman.

That becomes important and we not only identify the park classification but then we can also see what the need might be for that local community, that neighborhood park or that mini-park so then we can begin to go in and say, "Okay, what would you like to see here?" "How can we better utilize what we have to offer?"

Programs and Services: So again, over 1300; 1323 individuals took part in the survey. We notice that seniors and special-need population were perceived as underserved. Four to twelve as being well served, meaning that they were...they were well served through playgrounds but not necessarily through programs. Awareness of programs that those who participate in the program versus those who are not aware of the programs that are available.

The top community desires that we received in the survey were concerts, walking, hiking, running and biking; dog walking, canoeing and kayaking; adventure courses, aquatics and swimming; performing arts and arts and crafts.

The next piece which is in the plan is the funding piece of this so I think one of the areas that we will need to look at is possible funding sources and being able to use the services of a grant writer at some point, being able to assist us. Donna Bergman currently assists us with that but being able to continue to identify those funding sources, both from the federal, the state, and the local, and then also I think we've been successful this past year in identifying those private, non-profit partnerships and being able to work to develop some future goals as well.

Next steps; first of all the next steps...the first thing that we did with this plan once it was completed was we went to the Indiana DNR (*Department of Natural Resources*). That's always key to get their approval of any master plan. That allows you then federal...to be able to go after federal dollars. Not only does that help us but it also helps the zoo, it helps Wesselmans Nature Center as well. So we received the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' approval and they have approved of our grant. We presented this to the Mayor and then also to the Parks Board last Wednesday for approval and the Parks Board approved it last Wednesday as well.

Just a couple of the next steps I think we begin...we need to start looking at and address those shifts in demographics, being able to maybe hopefully identify those services or programs, classes that are...that are needed, more programming, as I mentioned, and then finally to maybe foster that community partnership with local, not only agencies, but other groups that may be interested in teaming up and providing some of those programs that have been identified.

I don't know if anybody has any questions

Councilman Friend: Yes, can I?

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz: Yes.

Councilman Friend: Need to ask a question. I put together a analysis of the parks; just kinda looking at it. What I...one thing that I've noticed that when you look at the changes in the fiscal year, June 30th of this year, which is what...this is going to be that never going to use for our budgets next week. You compare it to the prior year, June 30th, in the June 30th ending last year, we were only down...we lost about \$300,000 in parks. I'm talking about 30th, 2014. What's alarming to me about this is in this particular fiscal year between golf and the parks, because I put golf kinda all put in that together, we've lost \$1,140,000 in decline in balances in the parks, so I guess that's concerning me

too because I know this: It's all about funding. It's all about how we're going to fund and maintain these parks and I like the idea of trying to get some private activity in there because we're going to need that.

But anyway, I just...the just...I don't know if you have any comment. I mean that... those numbers, I mean these are seven-figure numbers.

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz: Councilman Friend, I personally don't have any comment about...I mean I was prepared to do the plan so...

Councilman Friend: Well I understand, but I mean I saw funding up there so I *(Inaudible)* right in.

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz: I understand and I think what you...I appreciate what you said because it's identifying those additional funding sources to be able to provide...

Councilman Friend: Exactly.

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz:...so I...that's kind of where I was...

Councilman Friend: Yeah...

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz:...where I was coming from.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: Denise Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation. I appreciate what you're saying, Councilman Friend, and one thing that I'll say about this plan is it's very different for any of you that have seen previous plans. A lot of those are a regurgitation of what we have as far as existing facilities. This one is really about where we're falling short on programming and encouraging us to look at different ways to provide programming, different programming, and the easiest way to do that is to create these partnerships that Brian mentioned earlier. Lisa Wube is doing a tremendous job in making partnerships, creating partnerships. That hasn't been done in a long time between the Parks Department and several different organizations around town so I think that the thing that I like about this plan is it's a lot of suggestions. Programs, I think, are an inexpensive way for us to expand what we're doing and possibly increase our revenue in some ways and I do believe that that private/public partnership is the one way that we have to that.

The other thing that I'd like to comment about is funding and we have been successful. We've got some partnerships going that we're not ready to announce yet but overall we've probably taken in, in the last year, about \$357,000 in private/public partnership funding so we are making the effort to get out there and support our budget, support

our efforts through private and grants out there and we'll continue to do so in the future.

Councilman Friend: Was that in the capital or was that in operations.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: Those are capital items that we're...

Councilman Friend: I understand that but I'm talking about this numbers...

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: In operations?

Councilman Friend:... I got here is operations.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: Well that's where I say I mean we've got to start with the partnerships and work that way, and with the universities, and not necessarily expense a lot of funding to do these things and those are the items that we're looking for.

Councilman O'Daniel: Well that's sort of what I gathered from it is this was more on concepts and engagement as opposed to big-ticket items. Obviously the Roberts Park is a big-ticket item. It really doesn't address what we're going to do with the Mesker Park Zoo, you know, and some of the exhibits that they've desired to have out there that, frankly, there's no money for. It doesn't address anything with regard to the pools, which I thought was a big hole in this. You know we've got Lloyd Pool and frankly a couple neighborhood pools that...that, well obviously Anthony Oates didn't see the end of the summer but its maybe for some other reasons but the, you know, what to do there.

That was kind of a couple things that were...that were missing in this but I think to Councilman Friend's point is when you're talking sustainability, a lot of that is the maintenance and identifying that and how do you keep it going other than just the engagement because if you do have engagement, it does mean increased use; it doesn't necessarily mean increased revenue.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: Correct.

Councilman O'Daniel: And with that increased use you're going to have more breakage. You're going to need more sustainability so, you know, I think for the purpose for which this was done, I think its fine but, obviously, you know the funding sources, you know, to close that, I thought it was interesting to see all the different areas that you could look, some of which are maybe more pie in the sky than others but

clearly, you know, I think one would say, "Why weren't we looking there before?", and maybe we were and just getting shut out of it.

But as far as what we do from a budgetary standpoint, you know, there's less than 10 million dollars and 10 million dollars is spent and so we've got to find other means to...not only to improve the structure but also to improve the, well, the zoo, you know, the capital aspects of it so...

President Adams: Any other comments? Please.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Very briefly. Thank you, I'm glad you guys had this done. It was nice to see it and it's somewhat counter-intuitive but to certain extent we have to spend money to make money. I mean there was...I think the prior report to that was about 2007 that said, "As quality declines, use declines, therefore revenue declines, therefore quality declines", and it becomes this downward spiral and I think it's a very good idea to figure out those points where you can invest rather it's programming, and programming's important. When I read that people sometimes start an activity unaware that it already exists within the Parks Department, I mean that's a real gap in getting that information out and so I want to applaud you for doing this. I understand it had to be done and it opens the door to a certain amount of funding but there is a place where investment will increase revenue and theoretically create some revenue for those capital investments that it requires.

I was really interested to see what people like to do versus what we might have assumed, even the average of the average person. I mean I think we have the impression that these golf courses are...and I'm not at all advocating getting rid of our golf courses, but you know, the average age is younger and there is a different interest in what people want to do and so I think it can be beneficial to us and it was encouraging to see the desire to...or the recommendation for more Greenway. Thank you.

Councilman Friend: Denise, let me ask you one question. Normally in the past we've always looked at the boat revenues as being for CIP; we always have, correct? Well I'm just wondering if we have participation in for capital improvements of whatever that number was, that the Council during the process consider moving some of the funds over to operations for every dollar of CIP that the private industry puts in.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: That's a good ideal.

Councilman Friend: Something that...

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: So I'll get an extra 357?

Councilman Friend: No, I'm not saying that but I'm...you know what I'm talking about?

Councilman O'Daniel: *(Off Mic)* I don't want to move Riverboat money in to cap...into operations.

Councilman Friend: Well, that's going to be...

Councilman O'Daniel: *(Off Mic)* That's not what that's for.

Councilman Friend: I agree with you.

Councilman O'Daniel: *(Off Mic)* If you want it to be matching that's one thing but not operations. That's not what it's meant for.

President Adams: Any other questions from Council?

Councilwoman Robinson: I guess I didn't see anything about programming at C.K. Newsome.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: Well I think that this plan provides a great opportunity because it's talking to us about providing additional programs for young people, for seniors. We've got an obesity problem here in Evansville/Vanderburgh County that we need to address and we're sitting with C.K. Newsome Community Center, which we can use to provide free programming, whether it's advice, consulting, counseling. We're looking to have a community garden out front probably in 2016, which allows us to bring children in, families in, show them how to take care of a garden but also healthy cooking programs, recipes, canning, what they can do with that, so we have plenty of space, plenty of room. That's one thing that Lisa...that's why going out and creating these partnerships, whether it's with USI, U of E, with Carver, with Memorial Development; all of these entities, to provide more programming within that space. I mean it's free to us and so I think that's a way that we can provide additional programming to benefit the community and possibly some of it be revenue generating. But I think if we're a true community center, we have to be speaking to the community we're in and providing those services, sometimes free.

Councilwoman Robinson: Thank you.

President Adams: Any other comments from the crowd? Absolutely beautiful study. Thank you for coming tonight.

Executive Director of Parks Johnson: Thank you.

Deputy Director of Parks Holtz: Thank you very much.

President Adams: Berniece Tirmenstein. You want to talk to us about blighted properties.

Berniece Tirmenstein: Berniece Tirmenstein, 1636 E. Blackford Avenue. I'm here addressing blighted properties in Evansville, 1800 of them. I talked with Ron Beane, head of the Building Commission to voice my concern of properties having historical value that have been torn down in the past. One big example is the C & EI Railroad Station that was opened in 1904 at Eighth and Main. In 1961 it was torn down to make way for urban renewal. Many people opposed this. Four stone concrete columns that stood in front of the station was rescued and put in storage for about a month. Later they became an impressive part of the Four Freedoms Monument on Riverside. Those columns: One, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Fear, Freedom from a...just a minute here, Freedom from Fear and Freedom for Oppression. On top of these columns were beautiful Greek designs, Ionic features.

Now I'm concerned about 210 W. Michigan and 214 W. Michigan. These homes were built in the early '80s, built by two brothers from Germany. They made furniture in these homes and in the book, *The Evansville Story*, by James Morlock, he states that an industrial census in 1923 showed there were 27 furniture factories employing 2879 persons; of wages totaling \$2,920,000 annually with a total yearly product valued at \$11,065,727.

A year ago or longer, I contacted the Assessor's Office. The information given to me when I asked, they said that Ms. Roop, P.O. Box 161 in Hatfield, Indiana owned 210. I wrote her; got no answer. Then her daughter called saying her mother had died from a long bout of cancer and she told me a lot of the history of these two homes and the beautiful features. Presently, the Assessor's Office tells me ECHO housing owns 210 W. Michigan and 214 is owned by Jo Ann Roop, P.O. Box 161, Hatfield, Indiana. Plans are to tear down 210.

My question is what will the use of that land be when they tear them down? And the answer that I got from...was that the...it would be housing for homeless vets. And Kelley, you were there at a session some time ago when I was privileged to speak about the furniture industry, 210 and 214 W. Michigan. At the end of the session a representative from the Mayor's Office came up to me and said, "That was very interesting. I did not know that", and I think a lot of people do not.

I've been in touch with Landmark of Indiana that says, "It has historical value, don't tear it down". Contact with Landmark professor at Butler University, she also says, "It has

historical significance, marking the history of furniture factory industry in Evansville". With Landmark saying, "Don't tear it down", why is the City ignoring it?

I have a lot of questions too. How much of the blighted area will become Section 8 housing?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: I just say I know Kelley's on his way up here but I... the City doesn't own either one of those properties and I know that Dennis Au at least was able to go inside the one owned by ECHO and didn't find that it could be placed on the registry and...

DMD Executive Director Coures: No, the State's already given us the...there's several tier level you have to go through to demolish a property like that. The State's already given its consent, that it's too far gone to be saved and that's the problem with some of these properties is...as you well know. Stephanie and I sat across from one another for nine months talking about blighted properties. Sometimes they're just too far gone and you know Ms. Tirmenstein, you are absolutely right. Those were, at one time, beautiful homes. Those were, at one time, beautiful places but there's no one that has stepped up with the funds to rehab them or to save them and they're too far gone to be economically feasible to do anything with so we thought...we think the best thing can be done is to remove them and build veteran's homeless...housing for homeless veterans. That's ECHO's goal and yeah, it is sad to lose those homes but we've saved the Owen building. The Owen...Councilwoman Robinson helped us arrange a deal to save the Owen Block, which was built in 1882, which is a huge save for the community. We've saved the old Greyhound Station. Indiana Landmarks has put a million dollars into saving the Greyhound Station.

So yes, we have lost some historic properties in the City but when they get to the point where these two have become, they're more a liability for the homes around them and they start degrading the prop...the home values of properties around them and the... unfortunately, that's the state that they're in now. The State has already given their consent for their demolition, which breaks my heart but that's...sometimes that happens.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well, and Ms. Roop was clearly free at some point to have placed the investment into the home she owns or to have put it into more productive hands. I mean you know, letting it kill...holding onto it has been very detrimental to the property in the case of the...I think 214 and then ECHO has owned the other one I think for some time...

DMD Executive Director Coures: They have indeed; they have indeed.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:...they had cons...

DMD Executive Director Coures: They had to wait for their funding to get in place to do what they need to do.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And I think Ms. Tenbarge told me that they considered trying to salvage the property...

DMD Executive Director Coures: Yes they did.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:...and put an office there but in having it looked at again by Dennis Au and a contractor, it just is too far gone.

DMD Executive Director Coures: It is.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: And it is really sad.

DMD Executive Director Coures: It is very sad but we, you know, we save what we can. We save the things that we're able to save, and like the Owen Block, and the Old Post Office, this city's put over two million dollars into the Old Post Office and Customs House which I...it's ADA compliant now. I encourage you to go through that building sometime. Call Bashar, he'll take you through there. So we save what we can. We save what we're able to save with the money that we have.

Berniece Tirmenstein: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*...she says that she spent a lot of money upgrading the electric *(Inaudible)*. She said the interior looks a lot better than the exterior.

DMD Executive Director Coures: That happens; that happens frequently also but it's not economically feasible to repurpose those two properties. There just isn't the money there. We need a...you need an angel that has, you know, unlimited supply of money to do that and unfortunately that just doesn't happen.

Does that...did that answer the question?

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Adams: Do you want *cock* on this particular subject or another subject?

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Adams: Because you want to talk on a subject is...are you going to talk about this subject?

Unidentified Speaker: Excuse me?

President Adams: Are you going to talk about this subject?

Unidentified Speaker: Yes.

President Adams: Okay.

Connie Whitman: Connie Whitman, 1780 S. Norman. Everything Ms. Tirmenstein said is just...makes so much sense and what Mr. Coures said doesn't. It doesn't have to be repurposed, just with the money spent to tear it down why not just save it as a historical site, put a plaque in front of it and charge admission or something. There are ways to...other solutions that haven't been talked about.

President Adams: You also have another...I'm sorry, are there any other comments about this particular subject? You have a...you wanted to make a comment about a pothole?

Connie Whitman: Oh that's...no, that's already taken care of.

President Adams: Okay, well I'll pass that on.

Okay, any comments? Anything that City Council would like to talk about? Yeah, hi.

Councilwoman Mosby: I just want to let Council know that we will be having a ribbon cutting tomorrow at Lorraine Park for their shelter house that was redone so if you'd like to come out it's at 4:00 at Lorraine Park so great things are happening in the Second Ward.

President Adams: Thanks.

Councilman Friend: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

President Adams: Sure, why not?

Councilman Friend: Yes, I just want to kinda make observation a comment. You know obviously we are getting ready to go through the budget cycle and I think I gave you some variances here but one thing when I was going through the June statement and also May statement; May and June statements. Observation: The Controller has not transferred any funds from the General Fund into hospitalization; it was zero.

President Adams: Hospitalization is minus 1.7 mil?

Councilman Friend: I know but you...they didn't transfer those funds out of the General Fund down.

President Adams: Yeah.

Councilman Friend: Now normally when you look at that you say, "Well what's the accounts payable?" Well I went back to prior year at the end of June; the accounts payable to surgeons were sitting at 1.8 million dollars. Now the one that we have now, June 30th, is sitting at just under four million dollars, around 3.8 million. Substantial increase in that which would then...would lend you to say that there shoulda been transfers out of that General Fund down in that account.

Now when you go down to 7 0...7 0...the account #704, you'll see that the change from one year to the next was 3.3 million dollars, which points to that.

So when we get in this budget process, that \$900,000 where showing in the General Fund is not \$900,000. It has not been properly charged for the health care insurance and the records show that.

Councilman O'Daniel: And essentially what you're saying is you have to look at the net number of those two to determine...

Councilman Friend: Yes.

Councilman O'Daniel:...what the...what the current status is so if you have a plus 900 and minus two million you're still negative a million.

President Adams: Still negative, yes.

Councilman O'Daniel: And so that's...that's the point you're trying to make but...

President Adams: Okay, any other observations? Anything? Okay, any other miscellaneous anybody else want to talk about anything else here tonight? Yes sir. Is it true you're here tonight?

Steve Ary: Steve Ary, 1249 John Street. It is true.

Can anyone provide me with a current list of the actual amount of money given by the City to the Alhambra Theatre Restoration Project thus far?

President Adams: And there's some plan afoot for somebody else to take it over. The Arts Council perhaps?

DMD Executive Director Coures: Is it true? The City put...oh whoop, sorry. Sorry about that.

President Adams: You need to beat it up.

DMD Executive Director Coures: I don't know who that was. The City put in \$196,000. The Redevelopment Commission partnered with some federal dollars that former Congressman Brad Ellsworth secured for the project, which made a total of \$396,000 that rehabbed the exterior of the building and then in March we made a \$5,000 grant to Alhambra Theatre, Inc. to do new interior blueprints on the building to hopefully make it ADA compliant and add restrooms to an interior redesign of the building and that is the extent.

Steve Ary: Okay.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Does that answer your question?

Steve Ary: Yes, thank you.

Councilman O'Daniel: *(Off Mic)* 401, right? \$401,000 total.

President Adams: Okay?

Steve Ary: Okay. Also wanted to mention that the Mayor was recently credited with the Coordinated Entry Program for the homeless. This is something that was in the newspaper. I had come up here...I don't know, the last...one of the last times I came in I asked about, you know, what is the City doing for the homeless with some of the new things that are coming about in November and I think Kelley had mentioned that he was hoping that Congress wasn't about to cut some of the funding that was already coming but, you know, my concern for that was do we have any additional things coming for the great number of people that are going to be coming off of food stamps in this city and with the number of homeless that are going to be affected, or greatly affected, by this; up to 20,000 Evansvillians are going to be affected by this. What I wanted to ask about the Coordinated Entry Program is are there any additional services being added for the homeless such as new facilities, new housing, or new beds?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: I can. The Coordinated...coordinated services...I was on the Commission to End Homelessness starting January 1 of 2012 and so that idea of having one stop shopping predates any of our term in the City but it's taking time to get

that coordinated so...and we're really modeling other cities that do a great job of sort of one application signs you up for whatever you're eligible for, whether it's Section 8 or food stamps or Medicaid or those kinds of things.

I think we all just got our budget books. Now the City does typically fund some of the Tri-State Food Bank.

Steve Ary: Uh-hm.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Also the YWCA. There's several non-profits that get funding from the City but I don't know that anyone's really had a chance to...I mean typically that funding replicates whatever was done the prior year.

Steve Ary: Uh-hm.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: I think all together...Dan, you know this number. Is it \$200,000 that the City funds in grants somewhere? There's a two or three hundred thousand that we...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* I can help you with that.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:...that we fund in grants but I haven't opened this book yet.

DMD Executive Director Coures: It won't be there. It won't be there yet because you all approved that in September.

Speaking Simultaneously

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: You're...the Citizen Committee...okay.

DMD Executive Director Coures: ESG, Emergency Solutions Grant funding is part of the triple amount of federal funds that come through DMD and we fund seven homeless agencies. It's formula. We're part of the Indiana Continuum of Care and so we have to go through the State of Indiana, IHCD Indiana Housing Community Development Authority, so we report everything through a system called HMIS (*Homeless Management Information System*). It's an information report. It's how we report numbers that we serve.

Steve Ary: Uh-hm.

DMD Executive Director Coures: So we, like Stephanie alluded, it's been in the planning stages (*Inaudible*). I don't think the Mayor took any credit per se. I think that as the Mayor, he's the Honorary Chairman of the Commission on Homelessness. Tim

Weir and Kim Reising; if you're familiar with Kim Reising, he used to run United Caring Services...used to be United Caring Shelter. But the City funds the maximum that we can, that we're allocated from HUD, and then...then the part of our Public Service budget is another way that we can assist with Tri-State Food Bank, the YWCA, and the Domestic Violence Shelter. Those kind of things we can...we can also sub-in some additional funding for but that, I mean, that's...what we get, we spend every cent; we spend every cent of that.

Steve Ary: Okay.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

DMD Executive Director Coures: LIT...LIT Grants, and I don't have anything to do with that. I don't give you that.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

DMD Executive Director Coures: Right.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: *(Inaudible) (Mic On)* Sorry. That we have so many...I'm...and nobody's really looked at it but I think we share your concern of...

Steve Ary: I...well, I think that my main question is are there any additional services, any additional facilities, any additional housing, any additional beds provided for the homeless?

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* Well we just started the medical...the medical services. It's only men right now but with Deaconess they've set aside some space at UCS for people who are homeless that are recovering from medical procedures so that they're not just in a general population that so they had to set that aside where they have nurses that come in and see to people so that is sort of a new facility.

But I would encourage you to contact Kim Reising...Kimrin, who is the co-chair of the Commission on Homelessness, and he would be able to tell you everything that is going on with Aurora, the House of Bread and Peace, Goodwill. We fund seven of those agencies so, you know, we fund as much as we can. City Council allocates every year a certain amount of funding but the money that we get...and we do everything we can with it.

Steve Ary: Uh-hm.

DMD Executive Director Coures: But we don't have anything Section 8. That's the Evansville Housing Authority and that's under section #42 of Public Housing so Section 8 housing...housing...that's a kind of a colloquial; they're actually called HCVs, Housing Choice Vouchers. Those are issued by the Evansville Housing Authority so the City, per se, doesn't have anything to do with issuing those.

Steve Ary: Okay, *(Inaudible)*
Speaking Simultaneously

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Who runs Ruth's House?

Steve Ary: I'm sorry?

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Do you know off the top of your head who runs Ruth's House?

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* I believe that they're partnered now with Albion.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Okay.

DMD Executive Director Coures: I don't. *(Inaudible)*...

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Because that is a place where we could do better. They don't have...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* It's not a stand-alone anymore.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well they don't have day-time services. They turn out their beds at 7:00 in the morning and they can't come back until the evening and so...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* *(Inaudible)*...the House of Bread and Peace; I believe they partnered with the House if Bread and Peace.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: There's...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* It's been a while since I looked at that but I believe last year they did that because they had some difficulty, sustainability, and so they partnered with someone *(Inaudible)*.

Steve Ary: Okay, the reason I'm asking is because a little over a year ago I was at the Homeless Services Council meeting whenever they introduced the Coordinated Entry

Program and at that point in time there was no additional services added. It was simply for tracking the homeless who were coming through and to connect them to the services that were already available. My concern is for increase of homeless and the increase of homeless that are coming because of the food stamp law that's changing in November.

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

Steve Ary: That's it. Thank you.

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*

Stan Wheeler: Stan Wheeler, 3800 Keck Avenue.

On the fluoridation deal, I'm like Dan and Dan. I'm one of the old guys that remember when they put fluoride in the water it...when I went to the dentist they drilled my teeth full of holes when I was a kid and when I took my boys to the dentist, they didn't and it was strictly because of that and my dentist told me it was a big problem to get it put in the water but what they saved that the City paid for dental bills, I would like to see somebody find out where...what...how much money was spent this year, up until now, and what it would be next year because if those bills go up it may be feasible to go ahead and put more fluoride back in the water because it may save you money in the long run.

President Adams: Somebody back there had a...? Please state your name and address, sir.

Axel Palma: Axel Palma, 1710 N. Fifth Avenue.

The DMD purchased about...about a million dollars on vacant and dilapidated properties on the North Main Street. Did any of the people that sold properties donate to Mayor's campaign?

President Adams: I don't have a clue.

Axel Palma: Okay.

President Adams: I don't know who...

Axel Palma: Second question.

President Adams:...donates to the Mayor's campaign. I don't.

Axel Palma: Second question. Did anyone that received the Façade Grants from the DMD donate to the Mayor's reelection campaign?

Councilwoman Robinson: *(Off Mic)* I think you need to ask the Mayor. *(Inaudible)*

President Adams: I don't know sir.

Unidentified Speaker: *(Off Mic)* Hold it.

President Adams: I don't keep tabs on the Mayor's reelection.

Axel Palma: How can we find this out?

Councilman O'Daniel: I think...

Speaking Simultaneously

Councilman Weaver: That's public record in the Clerk's Office.

Speaking Simultaneously

Councilman O'Daniel:...any over...yeah. Anything over a hundred dollars.

Speaking Simultaneously

Councilman Weaver: County Clerk.

Councilman O'Daniel: It's public record; has to be disclosed and so you could compare that list with a list of recipients.

Axel Palma: Okay.

President Adams: Where would he go?

Councilman O'Daniel: Well the Clerk's Office. The County Clerk's Office keeps...

President Adams: Yeah.

Councilman O'Daniel:...the list of donors over \$100.00.

Councilman Friend: They have...they've put this now on-line whereby you can go on-line and off the net and pull up the reports and you go down through all that. Oddly enough I pulled mine up all way back to 2007. I ran '07...

President Adams: Three pages?

Councilman Friend: Pretty neat. Yeah. Yeah, three pages-worth.

Axel Palma: Well I didn't see it. That's why decided to come ask.

Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley: Well, and sir, you'd have to cross-reference, if you wanted...I mean a lot of the...you can, even the Courier had a data base of the contribution reports from the candidates but you would have to ask the City, in addition to that, for a list of Façade Grant recipients so that you could cross-reference it. And also you'd have to ask the City for the seller's names of any property they purchased on North Main and then you'd have your list that you could look at both.

President Adams: You'd have the data you need.

Councilman O'Daniel: And sometimes it's a little tougher than that because it's LLCs and stuff like that so in the actual name; it's under some other corporate name.

Axel Palma: Understandable.

President Adams: Thank you.

Axel Palma: Thank you.

President Adams: Any other comments? Sure. Please state your name and your home address sir.

Ron Moettler: My name is Ron Moettler and I live at 2529 S. Ruston in Evansville and I got a couple questions.

Did the proprietors of the McCurdy Hotel that received a \$600,000 parking lot from DMD/ERC for \$1.00...did they donate to the Mayor's reelection campaign?

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* I can answer that *(Inaudible)*.
Speaking Simultaneously

President Adams: I don't...I don't. My thought is that they don't.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Mr. Kunkle, who owns the McCurdy, does not own the parking lot next to the building. The City owns that property, sir. It was never sold to anyone. The City still owns that property.

President Adams: I'd love to see the City lease it, tell you the truth.

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* The City has given an exclusive license agreement to Mr. Kunkle so that he can close his construction loan to rehab/repurpose the building but the City's never...

Speaking Simultaneously

President Adams: Can we...we get money from that?

DMD Executive Director Coures: No.

President Adams: We get rent from that?

DMD Executive Director Coures: No.

Councilman Friend: Kelley, does he...?

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: *(Off Mic)* Can I add a little detail here. *(On Mic)* Can I interrupt? I'm sorry.

President Adams: No, go ahead. Please, I'm...

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: There's sort of a long history with that lot and it predates, certainly, my involvement with City legal work and the current mayor's involvement. Dating back to, and I apologize; I don't have the date in front of me, but the prior developer was City Center...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* 2008.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: Was it 2008? Okay, it was 2008. He went...City Center Properties, which was a developer by the name of Steve Scott...was the last person to try to make a run at refurbishing the McCurdy. That lot was identified as something that was an absolute necessity in order to make a viable...

The prior administration acquired that lot...

DMD Executive Director Coures: From John Dunn.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: Or a Dunn entity I believe. I don't know what they paid for it.

DMD Executive Director Coures: \$600,000.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: Okay, thank you. At that time what they did was...what the ERC did was after it acquired it, it entered into a 50-year license

agreement for the use of that lot. I don't really know what the thought process was in that it might have been because ERC can just hand over property to another entity without going through statutory requirements for disposition of real estate. I'm kind of guessing that's maybe what they were thinking about but where it stands is...so it's subject to a 50-year lease, which...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* License agreement.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: License agreement, I'm sorry. License agreement which, when it ran in favor City Center Properties, its lender, Fifth/Third Bank, had a collateral assignment of that license agreement, subsequently...so it's lien-attached to that lease. Long story short, here we are today. Mr. Kunkle is now attempting to close on a financing so that he can move forward at the refurbishing the building. Once again, that license would run in favor of his entity right next door. There's probably 40, you know, 3 years left on that license agreement right now.

President Adams: So how much did the City get paid for that license?

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: The City gets nothing for that license.

Councilman Friend: Wouldn't it be better to lease 'em for \$1.00 and so...and to have a...

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*...offer it to the public if you're going to lease it you have to *(Inaudible)*.

Councilman Friend: Well, I'm just

DMD Executive Director Coures: And this Kunkle may not be the *(Inaudible)*.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: Yeah, yeah, I don't know...

Councilman Friend: I understand but one thing about it, we at least get property taxes off it, wouldn't we *(Inaudible)*?

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic) (Inaudible)*...you're going to get property taxes off the McCurdy? It's not generating anything right now.

Speaking Simultaneously

Councilman O'Daniel: Well here's the thing. You'll get property taxes off the McCurdy and the fact that you basically have free parking adds to the value of that property.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: Sure, ultimately.

DMD Executive Director Coures: *(Off Mic)* And that was, I think, *(Inaudible)*.

Councilman O'Daniel: That's the idea behind it.

DMD Executive Director Coures:...thought process...

Councilman O'Daniel: It's the idea behind it.

DMD Executive Director Coures:...of acquiring it for \$600,000.

Councilman O'Daniel: Whether...whether it comes to fruition or not's another issue.

Assistant City Attorney Cirignano: But that's the issue.

President Adams: Okay, that's it, sir? You've got one more question?

Ron Moettler: One more.

President Adams: Shoot.

Ron Moettler: Did individuals that receive low-interest loans and grants from ERC for the development of condos downtown donate to the Mayor's reelection campaign?

DMD Executive Director Coures: You'll have to check the donations to Jonathan Weinzapfel...

President Adams: I think you're going to have to go through the same process that we told the other guy.

DMD Executive Director Coures: Well you'd have to go through Jonathan Weinzapfel's donation rosters because the condo program was...predates 2012 when Mayor Winnecke took office.

President Adams: Great. Thank you, sir. Any other comments? Okay, Committee Reports; Chairman O'Daniel.

Councilman O'Daniel: Well we've got a lot of fun starting next week.

BUDGET HEARINGS FOR 2016 BUDGET

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN CONOR O'DANIEL

Re: **City Council Budget Hearings**
Date: Monday and Tuesday, August 17 - 28, 2015
Time: 2:30 p.m., Room 301
Re: **Joint Department Budget Hearing**
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Time: 3:30 p.m., Room 301
Re: **City Council Budget Hearings**
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m., Room 301
Re: **City Council Budget Hearings**
Date: Friday, August 21, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m., Room 301

Councilman O'Daniel: And then we have a list of the particular departments that we're going to be addressing on each of those days and we'll just go until they're done.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 24, 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: **Ordinance F-2015-12**
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: Kelley Coures

CHAIRMAN CONOR O'DANIEL

Authorizing Appropriations of Funds within Various Departments (DMD)

A.S.D. COMMITTEE

Re: **Ordinance G-2015-22**
Time: 5:25 p.m.
Notify: Scott Danks

CHAIRWOMAN STEPHANIE BRINKERHOFF-RILEY

Amending Chapter 2.160 (Information Technology) of the Evansville Municipal Code

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

No meetings scheduled at this time

CHAIRMAN AL LINDSEY

ADJOURNMENT

President Adams: Is there a motion to adjourn?

Councilman O'Daniel: So moved.

Councilman Friend: So moved.

President Adams: Let's do it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Laura Windhorst
Laura Windhorst, City Clerk

H. Dan Adams
H. Dan Adams, President